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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 6,
DIVISION 00 OF THE SAN DIEGO MUNICIPAL CODE BY
AMENDING SECTIONS 26.22 AND 26.23 RELATING TO THE
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BOARD.

WHEREAS, the International Affairs Board (Board) is established in San Diego
Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Article 6, Division 00, section 26.22, with its powers and duties set
forth in section 26.23; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Code section 26.23, the Board's powers and duties
include working to foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between
peoples and communities of the United States and the peoples and communities of foreign
nations; to further economic cooperation and cultural interchange; and to develop, compile and
exchange information, as well as to plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural
activities; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Code section 26.22 directs the Board to provide an annual report
of its work to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code provides that the Board shall consist of fifteen members
appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code also provides that members shall serve without
compensation, for two-year terms, and until a member's successor is duly appointed and
qualified; and

WHEREAS, maintenance of a fifteen-member Board has become difficult due to administrative costs and recurring vacancies, and changes are needed to assist the Board to better conduct its business; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code in section 26.22 would: (1) reduce the total number of Board members from fifteen to eleven; (2) reduce, from eight members to six members, the maximum number of members whose terms could expire in any one year; (3) reduce the number of members needed for a quorum from eight members to six members; (4) allow four affirmative votes to be sufficient to make any Board decision, rather than the five affirmative votes previously required; and (5) broaden the category of those who may serve from San Diego County electors to San Diego County residents; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the Municipal Code in section 26.23 would revise the Board's powers and duties to provide a more accurate description of the work conducted by the Board, as this section has not been amended since it was enacted in 1966 and the amendments would better reflect the Board's mission statement; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article 6, Division 00 of the San Diego Municipal Code is amended by amending sections 26.22 and section 26.23, to read as follows:

§26.22 International Affairs Board

- (a) There is hereby created an International Affairs Board which shall consist of eleven members who shall serve without compensation. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The members shall serve two-year terms and each member shall serve until his

successor is duly appointed and qualified. The members shall be appointed in such a manner that the terms of not more than six members shall expire in any year. The expiration date shall be March 1.

During March of each year, the Mayor may designate one member as Chair; however, in the absence of such designation, the Board shall, on or after April 15, select from among its members a Chair.

- (b) All members shall be residents of the County of San Diego at the time of appointment and during incumbency and shall be qualified by training, experience or interest in international affairs.
- (c) Six members shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote but at least four affirmative votes shall be necessary to make any Board decision. The Board may adopt its own rules of procedure.
- (d) [No change in text.]
- (e) [No change in text.]

§26.23 International Affairs Board — Powers and Duties


- (a) The Board shall foster and promote friendly relations and better understanding between peoples and communities of the United States of America and the peoples and communities of foreign nations.
- (b) The Board shall further economic cooperation and cultural interchange between communities of foreign nations and communities of the United States of America.

- (c) The Board shall develop, compile and exchange information, as well as plan, develop and carry out mutual economic and cultural activities, with citizens of foreign nations.
- (d) The Board shall confer with the San Diego International Sister Cities Corporation, which analyzes and guides development of Sister City “twinning,” to make appropriate recommendations to the City Council concerning the establishment of additional Sister City relationships.

Section 2. That a full reading of this ordinance is dispensed with prior to its passage, a written or printed copy having been made available to the City Council and the public prior to the day of its passage.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the thirtieth day from and after its final passage.

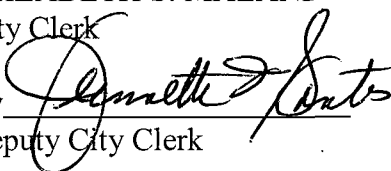
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of JUN 26 2012

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By 
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 7.5.12
(date)


JERRY SANDERS, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

JERRY SANDERS, Mayor